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### **DUNCAN, BERLAGE AND KNAPP TO CELEBRATE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AGRICULTURAL RESERVE; *Budget Initiatives to Preserve Open Space, Assist Farmers Will be Previewed***

**Thursday, March 10, 2005  
10 a.m.**

**Agricultural History Farm Park  
18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood**

Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan will join Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman Derick Berlage, Montgomery County Councilmember Mike Knapp, and Billy Willard in celebrating the County's landmark Agricultural Reserve program by previewing new initiatives that will further strengthen agriculture in the County. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council and the American Farmland Trust, Montgomery County has the most successful farmland and open space preservation program in the country. Willard is a farmer in the agricultural reserve and chairman of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee.

**Note to Editors:** County farmers will be attending, and several have volunteered to make their farms available for a tour immediately following the press event.

**Directions:** From I-270, take the Shady Grove Road exit. From the exit, turn right onto the exit for Redland Road. Follow Redland Road northeast. It will turn into Muncaster Road after crossing Muncaster Mill Road. Turn left into the entrance for the Agricultural History Farm Park. Proceed to the Administration building at the far end of the property. Parking is available outside the building. The press event will be held either in the multipurpose room or outdoors, depending on the weather. The outdoor location can be accessed directly across from the multipurpose room.

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